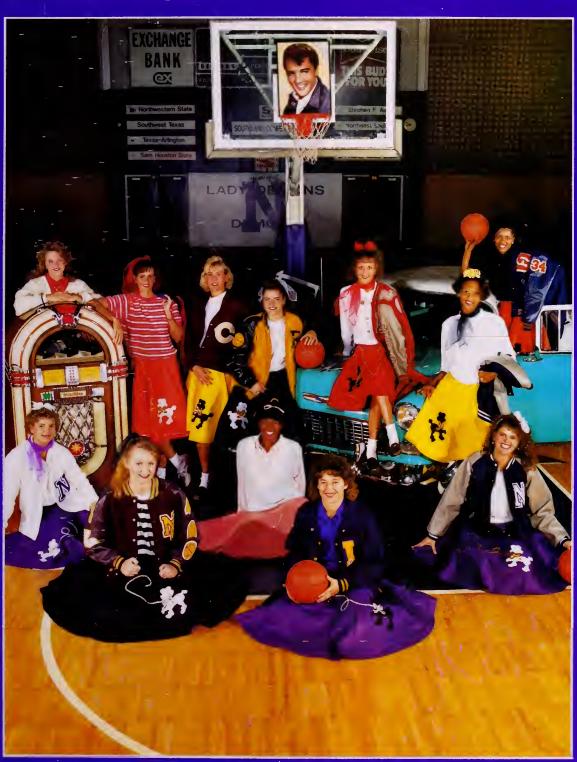


#### Northwestern State University

## ALUMNI COLUMNS

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# hanks For The Memories.



Elise James

Dear Northwestern Ahonni:

The fall season at Northwestern has been wonderful. Involved students everywhere, great football weekends, Alumni getting together to talk about old times, the leaves turning on campus, excitement is at an all-time high at Northwestern.

All of the great things happening in academics and athletics on campus have caused a greater interest in Northwestern from Alumni which we are very happy about. More people paid their dues this year and this helps us to carry out more projects through the Alumni office. If you have not paid yours please consider getting involved this way. You may send your check to the Alumni Office, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497. Dues are \$15.00 single membership and \$25.00 married membership.

The Alumni Association has taken its show on the road to many places, visiting with many of you. We have hosted reunions in Reno, NV; El Paso, TX; Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Thibodaux, LA.

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity recently had a great reunion with Alumni coming from as far away as California and Washington. The Library Science Alumni Reunion was held on campus with many Alumni present from the area. If you have a special interest group that wants to get together please get in touch with this office and we will work with you to get your reunion to become a reality.

Homecoming was well attended this year with Alumni visiting the campus from many areas of the country. They walked the campus, visited the dorms, attended reunions, saw old friends, and appreciated the beauty of the campus one more time. If you did not get to attend this year promise yourself that one more year will not go by without you coming to visit your Alma Mater.

I always enjoy talking with each of you through this magazine and hope you enjoy hearing from us in this manner.

After a very busy fall it is time for us to reflect on Christ's birthday and home and family. The Northwestern State University Alumni Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

Elise P. James Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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We sat at the corner drug store sipping sodas, holding our date's hand, and talking about the movie we would see that weekend.

We laughed, talked, cried and cared together. We were a group and we loved each other. If only the generations that followed us could have had the fun and companionship that we shared.

The staff of this magazine appreciates the loan of the photograph and thanks student assistant SID Dan Korn for the memories.

(Note: The Men and Women's baskethall medra gurdes can be purchased for \$10.00 each from the NSU Sports Information Office, 71497.)

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#### Office Of The President Northwestern State University

Dear NSU Alumni:

Northwestern's enrollment reached a record high again this fall, and the steady and substantial growth in student population over the past few years reflects the new image and atmosphere of the university.

The fall semester enrollment of 7,626 marks the fourth time in the past five terms that the student count has climbed to an all-time high. Since 1986, Northwestern's enrollment has increased by 45 percent.

Most of the enrollment increases have been recorded on the main campus in Natchitoches. The number of full-time students is up, freshman enrollment grows each fall, dormitories are at capacity utilization, parking lots are full, dining facilities are packed. There is an air of excitement and vitality on the campus.

It is important to emphasize that Northwestern's student body has increased not only in numbers over the past five years but also in academic quality. The average score of incoming students on the ACT exam has increased from just over 14 in 1986 to more than 19 this fall.

The university's success and growth in recent years can be attributed to numerous factors, including an aggressive and effective recruitment program, a highly competent and dedicated faculty and staff and outstanding students who project a positive impression of NSU and help sell the institution to prospective students.

Establishment of the Louisiana Scholars' College, a cooperative program with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, exciting new activities in debate and theater, successful intercollegiate athletic programs, a spectacular marching band, the continued excellence of such established programs as education, nursing and business are among the many factors that have enhanced the prestige of the university over the past five years and made it so attractive to students seeking a university home.

Everyone associated with Northwestern—students, faculty and staff and alumni—should be proud of the institution's growth and its bright new image as one of the most dynamic, innovative, progressive and exciting universities in the South.

Dr. Robert A. Alost

All of us at the university sincerely appreciate the role that you, as alumni, have played in the resurgence of the school, and we earnestly seek your continued assistance and support.

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Sincerely,

Robert A. Alost President



## Computer Information Systems Program at NSU

Ten years ago, the first personal computers designed for business and home use were introduced. Since then, the PC has led to tremendous changes. More rapid changes are expected in the future, and Northwestern State University's Division of Business is preparing students for that future in its Computer Information Systems program.

The Computer Information Systems (CIS) program prepares its students to solve business computer problems through programming and system development.

Three state-of-the-art laboratories have been set up in Morrison Hall to give CIS students, along with business and non-business students, the hands-on training in computing necessary to be competitive.

"We have a tremendous responsibility in preparing students for the technology of today and tomorrow," said Dr. Barry Smiley, director of the Division of Business. "If our students can't walk into an office and sit down and run a computer, they're at a tremendous disadvantage. We want them to be able to use the computer like they use a pencil."

Campus News

Approximately 150 students are majoring in CIS, which is about 15 percent of the students majoring in business. Students utilize a new \$90,000 computer lab containing 35 new 386 computers set up in a Local Area Network (LAN). Over 80 microcomputers and 15 VAX workstations are available for student use.

"This system puts us at the leading edge of technology with a modern networking system," said assistant professor of business Dr. Walter Creighton, a member of the CIS faculty. "We're able to run modern applications packages faster and more efficiently and to develop CASE (Computer Applications Systems Engineering) software. Students will have to be proficient in these areas."

But even up-to-date computer laboratories can't prepare students for the fast changing computer field.

"Whatever we teach them will be out of date," said Smiley. "We all know that because the field changes so quickly. We are instilling in the students the ability to change with technology. We want to teach them how to learn in the CIS field."

When designing the program, NSU worked with other universities and industry to develop a curriculum that would be mutually beneficial, following the suggestions of the Data Processing Management Association.

"We feel we're producing students that go into the marketplace with a good set of skills," said associate professor of business Dr. Claude Simpson, a member of the CIS faculty. "The quality of our students will allow them to go all over the U.S. and compete well."

Smiley says the CIS program offers students a diverse faculty. Creighton has a Ph.D. from Colorado State University, Simpson earned his Ph.D. at Georgia State University. Two new faculty joined the program this year, Dr. Dennis Hyams, who completed his Ph.D. at USL and Debahish Banerjee, who received a Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas. Mary Beth Tarver, a teacher at Many High School, came to NSU as a visiting teacher for the academic year.



An advantage of the CIS program is that the program is geared to teaching computer languages and programs that businesses are using.

"The computer classes definitely prepare me for what I will have to deal with on the job," said senior Alissa Hanson of Winnfield, a business administration major who is minoring in CIS. "We do a lot of work in COBOL which is the programming language in use in business and we even work with subjects as practical as writing letters."

One of the newest areas of computer technology is networking, a process of distributing data processing to many stations rather than consolidating processing in a central computer. NSU's new local area network lab enables students to learn networking.

"Networking has a lot of advantages," said Simpson. "It gives the user access to a wide array of software, color printers and graphics and enables them to do some interesting things."

Future plans include connecting the network to NSU's new digital computer in the computer center that can store up to 330 million characters. NSU may also hook up with other universities to share software and information.

"The network here has done a lot to get the university where it needs to be," said student Rocky Harper of Brush, Colo., who is on active duty with the Air Force and is completing course requirements for a degree at NSU.

Harper has taken courses at Southern Illinois University, the University of Maryland, Utah State and Central Texas College while in the Air Force. He feels the courses he has taken at NSU are comparable with those at other universities he has attended.

"The school has a good CIS program. I feel that I've gotten some good instruction," he said. "They need to go further in terms of facilities, but they teach you what you'll need to know. You're taught to use programs like Lotus 1-2-3, which is the industry standard. If you know that, you're a valuable commodity."

Large corporations have seen the value of Northwestern's CIS program. Graduates have been hired by IBM, Texaco, J.C. Penney and other well-known corporations.

"Companies know that our CIS graduates have made it through a tough curriculum," said Creighton. "A lot start but few finish. It's a difficult degree to get, but the rewards are there for those who graduate."

#### Student Population Increases Past 7,500 Mark

Northwestern State University's enrollment continues to climb. The university's student population hit on all-time high for the fourth time in five semesters. The fall enrollment of 7,626 is an increase of 292 students over last fall's enrollment of 7,334.

This is the first time in Northwestern's 107-year history that the school has exceeded 7,500 students. NSU went over the 7,000 mark for the first time in the spring of 1990.

The upward trend in enrollment has continued since 1986 when Dr. Robert A. Alost became president. Northwestern's enrollment had declined between 1981 and 1986 from 6,722 to 5,272.

Enrollment has increased by 2,354 students since Alost took office. That is an increase of 45 percent. NSU's enrollment gains show steady increases in full-time students, incoming freshmen and registration on the main campus in Natchitoches.

The number of full-time students increased by 5.5 percent from 4,954 to 5,243. Enrollment in the Notchitoches campus increased by 3.0 percent to 5,019 from last fall's total of 4,873.

Most of those enrolled on the Natchitoches campus are full-time students. The full-time student count on the Natchitoches campus increased by 4.5 percent from 4,235 last year to 4,426 this year.

Alost said the increased enrollment was "the result of the good news about Northwestern continuing to spread."

"Our office of admissions and recruiting has worked extremely hard to attract students to Northwestern. Our faculty and staff has also worked to attract and retain outstanding students once they get here. We hope to continue providing challenges and opportunities for students that will make Northwestern exciting and attractive."

Students at the university 'have also played a part because they take great pride in their university,' Alost said, 'They feel so strongly about Northwesten that they sell it to friends and family.''

Alost said the latest statistics "are significant because they show a continued trend of increased enrollment. High school students, teachers, principals, guidance counselors and non-traditional students across the state are familiar with Northwestern's reputation and our goal to provide quality education in all areas."

The total number of undergraduates increased by 5.6 percent from 6,594 last year to 6,960 this year. Graduate enrollment dropped by 10 percent from 740 to 666.

Freshman enrollment, which has increased by more than 35 percent over the past four years, moved up this year with 3,212 compared to 3,186 last fall.

The number of sophomores increased from 1,297 to 1,383. Junior enrollment moved from 975 to 1,071, and senior enrollment increased from 1,105 to 1,261.

Enrollment on the NSU Shreveport campus—comprised primarily of nursing students—is up from 1,220 to 1,229. Enrollment on the Leesville campus dropped from 981 to 822, largely because of the impact of the realignment of Fort Polk. The number of students at other sites in North Louisiana dropped from 174 to 76. The Alexandria campus showed a big increase from 404 to 467 students.

#### Nursing

N ursing students at Northwestern State University exceeded the national passage rate on the latest round of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Ninetyfour percent of the students in the bachelor's of science in nursing degree program passed the exam while 96 percent of those in the associate degree program passed. On the average, 85 percent of those taking the test aroung the nation passed.

exam is given to protect the public and to show that the nurse can provide safe care to the patient," said Carol Allen, associate director for undergraduate studies in nursing at NSU, "We're proud of the test results."

All nursing graduates in Louisiana must take the two-day test which is administered at the Louisiana Superdome. The examination consists of 360 questions divided into four parts.

NSU graduates have consistentity performed above the national norm on the test. This is the third year the center was funded based on an original grant proposal submitted by reference librarian Fleming Thomas.

The center covers a 10-parish area in northwest Louisiana. It serves the unemployed by providing career testing and counseling. The center provides an extensive collection of career information in a variety of printed and audiovisual formats.

CEIC

I he Career Evaluation and Information Center of Northwestern State University's Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library has received a grant of \$161,867 for operations in the upcoming year.

Funding for the CEIC is provided by the Coordinating and Development Council of Shreveport.

Charles Caron is the director of the center. He directs the counseling program, distributes information on the program and provides referrals to other social service agencies.

The center has two counselors, Deborah Jackson and Shea Till. Jan Turk is the CEIC secretary handling office administration duties.

#### LCA Meeting Held

The Louisiana Classical Association held its annual state organizational meeting on the campus of Northwestern State University in November.

The meeting was hosted by the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU.

Members of the association will deliver papers on a variety of classical topics. Dr. Jean D'Amato of the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU will present a paper covering research she did under a grant from NSU's Council of University Research Institutional Administrators and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

wanted to make sure the university was squarely within the professional life of the state," said D'Amato, who is vice president of the organization. "We wanted to bring in the components of the entire university for this meeting." The LCA is a regional branch of the Classical Association of the Midwest and the South.

The association consists of teachers on the elementary, secondary and college level teachers and persons who are interested in the classics.



Dr. Walter Pine

A scholarship has been set up at NSU in memory of Dr. Walter Clint Pine.

Pine, a member of the math faculty at NSU for 28 years, died Sept. 12.

He joined the NSU faculty in 1963 after serving as an aerospace engineer at NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center as well as an aeronautical research engineer at NASA's Langley Research Center and a mathematician at the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory.

Pine was a 1957 graduate of NSU.



Pictured during the endowment presentation are Dr. Barry Smiley, Dr. Robert Alost, Mrs. Bashie Morrison and Dr. Ed Graham.

#### Noble Morrison Endowment Established

The Morrison family, Mrs. Bashie and her children, have given a monetary donation in memory of her husband and their father, Prof. Noble Morrison.

They have included memorials to men and women who contributed so much to Noble Morrison's life and career. Included in these memorials are: Mr. Joe Webb, Mr. Robert Easley, Dr. Alfred Ducournau, Dr. Lorraine Brittain, Dr. Ruth Bruner, G.H. "Doc" Pierson, Harry Turpin, Dot Daray, "Red" Fly, Hertzog DeBlieux, Mrs. Ruby Dunckelman, Woodruff and Lilian McCook.

The family intends this to be a challenge donation to be matched by a fundraising drive of former Business students, corporations, and friends of Northwestern to begin in the fall. This donation and the fundraising drive, if successful, will be matched by the Board of Regents to establish the Noble Morrison Endowed Professorship.



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#### CURIA Funds Biological Research in Rain Forests of Honduras



Dr. Kenneth Williams

One of the best ways to protect the rain forests of Central and South America is to teach people about their value, according to a Northwestern State University professor. Dr. Kenneth Williams, a professor of biology at NSU, returned recently from Honduras where he studied the endangered rain forests.

Williams spent three weeks in Honduras along with Miani-Dade Community College professor Dr. Larry Wilson and amateur biologist Randy McRaine studying amphibians and reptiles living in cloud forests. High altitude rain forests, those usually above 1,600 meters (5,000 feet), are classified as rain forests.

Wilson is one of the world's foremost experts on Honduras. McRaine is a postal worker, who has made the study of Honduras into an avocation.

Williams' study was funded by Northwestern's Council of University Research Administrators (CURIA).

The trio studied remote sections of the country that no other scientists had explored. They came away with some new findings. The three discovered six new species including three new species of lizards, two new species of frogs, and one new species of salamander.

"We knew that most of the things we found would be new because no scientist had been there collecting records," said Williams. "One of the most interesting species of frogs we found was a tree frog that was covered with rough, toadlike bumps. It had an unusual color to it. We could have probably found more new species if we had more time."

Williams said his group intended to seek out isolated areas to study.

"The places that are easy to get to have been studied," he said. "The areas that are left rarely have any roads and if they have roads, those roads are primitive. The only way to get there is by walking or riding a horse and the trip usually takes a day to a day and a half."

The agricultural practice of cleaving rain forests to create land for farming has also depleted the cloud forests, according to Williams. The Honduran government has passed laws to preserve the rain forests and cloud forests but has put little effort into enforcing those laws.

"They passed a law that said any land over 1,800 meters (approximately 5,500 feet) is classified as a national park," said Williams. "On a minor scale that contributes to the knowledge about the cloud forests but they don't have the money or personnel to watch the forests.

"For every three areas set aside, there is one Peace Corps worker designated to govern the area. That's what they're doing now and who knows what the new presidential administration in Honduras will do."

Williams hopes the Honduran farmers can be educated to preserve the rain forests in their country.

"The rain forests protect the water shed and are a source of good water," he said. "We hope that we fed them some information that can show them the very important role the rain forests play."

# Industrial Tech. Program Reaccreditation

Northwestern State University's industrial technology degree program has been granted reaccreditation by the Board of Accreditation of the National Association of Industrial Technology at its October meeting.

Currently, 39 institutions across the country have gained NAIT accreditation.

NSU's program was reviewed during a site visitation by NAIT representatives who consider numerous standards including program philosophy and objectives, curriculum foundation requirements, facilities and equipment, faculty qualifications, student admission and retention standards and assessment of student success.

NSU's industrial technology program has been accredited since 1982.

NAIT accredits both bachelor's and associate degree level programs and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for accreditation of bachelor's level degree programs.

The Board of Accreditation is an autonomous decision-making body of NAIT that grants accreditation to high quality industrial technology programs.

NAIT is a nonprofit, professional association for technical management personnel, technology based organizations and educational institutions. NAIT's major purpose is to foster improvement of the field of industrial technology within colleges, universities, business and industry.

The association is based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

#### Dr. Robert Sawyer is the new Director of Programs for the Cifted and Talented at NSU

Dr. Robert Sawyer hopes he can utilize the high concentration of resources for the academically talented at Northwestern State University to create successful programs the gifted and talented can utilize.

Sawyer is the new Director of Programs for the Gifted and Talented at NSU. Sawyer grew up in Iowa and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Wyoming. He went to Duke University as an intern under the Chancellor and Provost. He later became a full-time administrator at Duke.

He was at Duke for 15 years, developing Duke's Talent Identification Program, the largest program in the country for identifying academically talented secondary school students. He has also done consulting work with the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.

"After 15 years at Duke, my wife and I decided to do something else different in a different location," said Sawyer. "I had done some consulting work here before and one thing that impressed me about this area is the unusually high concentration of resources for the academically talented. We have the Louisiana School (for Math, Science and the Arts) right here, the Louisiana Scholars' College with a most capable faculty and a very supportive administration that serves as a catalyst."

Sawyer previously worked with NSU administrators as a consultant, setting up a cooperative program with Duke University. He hopes to continue the close ties between the two schools.

Among his plans are to offer two summer programs at NSU beginning in June for gifted students.

A Young Scholars' Precollege Program will be held June 7 - July 17, 1992. The program is designed for students who have just completed their junior year in high school. Students in the program will enroll in one university course during each three-week summer term.

Classes, taught on the introductory level, are offered in the humanities, social science, natural science, mathematical science or computer science. These classes are part of NSU's curriculum and credit will be given for the courses.



NSU will also offer the Advance Summer Residential Program for verbally and mathematically gifted and talented youth on June 7-27.

Students age 12-16 are encouraged to apply for the program which offers intensive fast-paced courses in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics and computer science.

The program allows students to enroll in one course and complete the equivalent of one year of high school or a semester of college level work.

Sawyer would also like to start a summer teacher training program for young teachers with the assistance of the Duke TIP and the College Board.

"We have a good opportunity to build on the history of Northwestern as a place that's had a tremendous impact on education." said Sawyer. "This program would be beneficial to our teachers."

Sawyer is optimistic that private and corporate foundations will help supplement what is already planned.

"Our goal is to be a resource to teachers and administrators so that they can help to craft programs to meet the needs of youngsters," he said. "Many youngsters have been pushed aside because of the prevailing attitude that they can make it on their own. And how many Einsteins, Mozarts or Edisons have we missed because of that?"

For more information on available programs, contact Sawyer at (318) 357-4500.



Northwestern State University honored the late George Doherty by naming a wing of the NSU's Athletic Fieldhouse in his honor. A portrait of Doherty, who was a coach and athletic director at NSU for 11 years, will hang in the Fieldhouse. Shown with the portrait (from left) are Doherty's wife Mary Doherty, son Mike Doherty and grandson Jake Doherty.

#### Dr. Gail Lewis Returns from World Conference



Dr. Gail Lewis, a member of the graduate faculty at Northwestern State University, was elected as an alternate delegate from the United States at the recent Ninth World Conference on Gifted and Talented Choldren held at The Hague, Netherlands.

Lewis also delivered a paper at the conference which brought together experts on the gifted from throughout the world.

The paper "Conquering Stress and Fear of Failure in the Gifted," examined perfectionism among the gifted and its effect on achievement. The survey included over 2,000 responses from students in gifted programs, parents of gifted students, teachers of the gifted, counselors and coordinators of gifted programs.

Lewis used the survey to outline the respondents' perceptions of the counseling needs of the gifted.

Students indicated overwhelmingly that stress and unwillingness to make mistakes trouble those in gifted programs. Results also showed that perceptions of students and adults are often markedly different.

She also presented strategies to deal with the most pervasive problems, stress and failure.

Lewis, who has long been active in gifted education, nationally and internationally, was elected treasurer of TAG, a division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

In addition to teaching graduate courses in gifted education at NSU, Lewis also works with the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts which is located on the NSU campus.

# Samet to Deliver Paper in Fort Worth



Tom Samet, associate professor of English and a fellow of the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, will deliver a paper at the 1991 meeting of the South Central Modern Language Association in Fort Worth.

The paper, "New Critics, New Marxists, New Protocols," is a revised version of a lecture he gave at universities in Poland, Hungary and Switzerland while serving as a Fulbright Professor of American Literature at the University of Warsaw.

Samet's current course, "Criticism, Culture and Ideology," grows out of and explores related issues in modern literary theory. His talk will be included in a session sponsored by the Society for Critical Exchange, a national organization devoted to the study of literacy and cultural theory.

#### Profiles / Class Notes

'26

Elise A. Alleman Hughey has been retired since 1974. She received her B.A. from NSU in 1926 and her M.A. from LSU. She also did post-grad studies. She has five children, fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

'58

Ruth A. Stedman Simmons is selfemployed for Stedman Income Tax Service. She lives in Pleasant Hill, Oregon.

'60

Hugh P. Belvin is a teacher for the Rapides Parish Schools. He lives in Alexandria, LA with his wife Nelda.

'61

Robbie G. McDearmont has retired after 30 years of teaching for the Caddo Parish School Board. She was named Educator of the Year at Westwood Elementary School for 1990-91. She lives in Shreveport, LA.

'63

Dr. Patricia Lillis has been named Chairman of the Medical College of Georgia, School of Adult Nursing. Also, she is principal investigator of a grant studying pain management techniques for children with cnacer which recently was awarded the National Oncology Nursing Society/Adria Laboratories Excellence in Publication Award for Research.

'65

Tommye Jo Price is the coordinating Nurse for the Smith County Health Department. She has two children ages 23 and 19. She lives in Raleigh, MS with her husband Murphy.

'69

Army Colonel Donald Gary Dean and his wife Barbara Dixon Dean (NSU class of 1969) reside in Carlisle, PA.

'71

Rickey French has been named Vice Principal of MacArthur High School in Irving, TX.

'72

Lyn Rollins is Director of Marketing at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria. He recently won an award from the Louisiana Society for Hospital Public Relations and Marketing for excellence in radio advertising. He also is a free-lance broadcaster with the LSU Sports Network and Home Sports Entertainment. He resides in Pineville, LA, with his wife and two children.

'73

Melanie Lee is an Interior Designer for the U.S. Department of State. At NSU she was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority, a cheerleader and a member of the Student Union Commission. She lives in Arlington, VA.

'75

Scott Roach and his wife Linda (class of '76) are now working on their Ph.D.'s at LSU. Scott is studying marketing and Linda is studying science education. They live in Baton Rouge, LA.

'76

Patrick W. Carlyon is a Computer Science Teacher at Anderson St. Middle School in New Iberia, LA. At NSU he was involved in the Dorm Council, SGA Governing Board and the Films and Entertainment committee. He resides in New Iberia, LA with his wife Phyllis.

'79

Dr. Jeff Totten and Dr. Barb Schuldt were married on May 26, 1991 at the First United Methodist Church of Oshkosh. Both are employed by the College of Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

Brett O. Knecht is currently the Payroll Supervisor at NSU. He lives in Natchitoches, LA with his wife Darlene (class of 1980).

Juliana L. Scott is an RN in the critical care unit of Nashoba Hospital. At NSU she was involved in Band and Orchestra. She lives in Groton, MA.

#### Profiles / Class Notes

'81

Jacqueline L. Giesey is employed by Shell Offshore Inc. and Cameron College. At NSU she was involved with the Demon Twirlers, Delta Zeta, Band and the Omega Pi Honor Society. She resides in Metairie, LA.

'82

Lt. Col. Frederick N. Teresa (retired) received the United States Army's Legion of Merit award on August 29, 1991. Teresa is the former commander of the Texas Christian University's Army ROTC unit. Teresa earned the Master of Science degree in Business Education at NSU in 1982. He was an Associate Professor and Executive. Officer of the Army ROTC detachment at NSU. He later joined the TCU faculty in 1988 as Professor and Chair of the Military Science Department. Upon retirement, he has joined the Morgan Barnett Associate of Fort Worth, TX. He resides in Grand Prairie, TX, with his wife Kay.

Don J. Van Speybroeck is a Systems Specialist for Conoco Inc. He lives in Lafayette, LA, with his wife Mary (Class of '81).

'83

Jeanette Marie Hayward is a School Librarian for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Atlantic Region. At NSU she was involved in Alpha Beta Alpha. She and her husband, James, have one child. They reside in Keflavic, Iceland.

'86

Navy Seaman Gregory M. Mc-Clain has completed training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, H.

'88

Christi A. Moore is the Student Activities Advisor at Texas A&M University. She lives in Bryan, TX.

Laura Lane Breaux has been named to the Marquis Who's Who of American Women for 1991-92 along with their Who's Who of Science for 1991-92. She is a registered nurse for the Greenville Hospital System. She lives in Greenville, SC.

'90

Fabian Paul Zeller is currently a Life Division Trainee for State Farm. He lives in Dallas, TX.

'9]

Angela Maria Maggiore is a supervisor for Tyson Foods Inc. She fives in Cumming, GA.

#### **OTHER**

Perry Miers, a sales representative for Squibb U.S. Pharmaceutical Division has won the Go-Getter Award for outstanding sales performance for 1990. He currently resides in Monroe, LA.

Russell L. Bizette fives in Daytona Beach, FL

Belle Jenkins Price of Alexandria, LA, turned 100 years old on July 14, 1991

#### **DECEASED**

Mr. Noel Duke Porter, NSU class of 1940, died recently.

Leo W. Thames, class of 1937, passed away on February 3, 1991

Mrs. Ethel A. Spencer died June 30, 1991. She taught for forty years. In 1986 a scholarship in Teacher Education was established in her honor at NSU.

Earskine G. Cook, NSU class of 1932, recently died in Alexandria, LA. He was a member of the NSU Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Boyce High School Faculty for forty years serving as coach, teacher and assistant principal

Teity Michael, NSU class of 1931, passed away on June 2, 1991

Larry G. Heinson, NSU class of 1960, passed away May 23, 1991

Ann Webster Harris, NSU class of 1951 passed away in May 1991. She worked at the DeSoto Parish Office of Family Security before retiring in 1986.

Mildred F. Cobb passed away on February 1, 1990.



## Bill Giesey Is Among The Army's Top Soldiers

Bill Giesey has taken the slogan "Be all that you can be" to heart while serving in the U.S. Army.

Giesey, a 1984 graduate of NSU, was recently named first runner-up in the top soldier competition at Fort Bragg, N.C.

A total of 31 soldiers vied for the prestigious title. Giesey, a staff sergeant, is in the 2nd Batallion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, based at Fort Bragg.

Runners-up in the competition received a gift certificate, plaque and dinner for two at the NCO Club.

Soldiers win the right to compete in the top soldier competition by winning titles from the company level up and advancing to major command competition.

Competitors take an Army Physical Fitness Test and were given hands-on tests of basic tasks required of soldiers. Each competitor had to qualify with an M-16 and appear before a board advancing in the contest. Giesey has been involved with most of the recent U.S. military actions. He was involved in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and was stationed in the Middle East within days of the invasion of Kuwait.

Giesey received the bronze star for his heroics in Operation Desert Storm.

He was also part of the Panama invasion, Operation Just Cause, and was also stationed in Honduras during trouble in Central America.

He was also stationed for six months in the Sinai Peninsula as part of a peacekeeping mission.

One of his biggest honors was to be chosen as one of the 82nd Airborne Division's representatives at the anniversary of the Normandy Invasion in France.

Bill Giesey has been one of the people who has made us all proud.

#### Profiles / Class Notes

# Richard Lewis Enjoys his Family and Career



Richard Lewis was always fast. On the high school football field or running toward the bar at the pole vaulting pit, Lewis could move.

Even his friends and fellow jocks might be surprised, though, to see how fast Lewis has risen in his professional career.

"A lot of people who knew me back then probably thought I'd end up selling used cars," Lewis said. "Friends of mine have said I should be in sales."

Lewis had a bit of a reputation for being fast in other ways. His old friends might also be surprised to learn that Lewis teaches Sunday School, and despite a soaring professional career, busy travel schedule, and exhausting recreational activities, he says, "What I really do is raise three girls."

Lewis is Vice President, Operations/Program management of Air and Water Technologies (A&WT), which includes Research-Cottrell and Metcalf & Eddy, two of the best-known companies in the fields of air and water clean-up. He oversees all construction operations in the southern region of the United States. Air and Water Technologies has about \$750 million in annual sales.

Elise James, director of Alumni Affairs at NSU, taught Lewis in the business department.

"Richard was a big man on campus and was blessed with great people skills," said James. "I always knew he'd amount to something, but I didn't know what."

While at Natchitoches High School, Lewis reached the second highest polevaulting height in the country in 1969, as well as being captain of the football team. At Northwestern, he was on the track team as a polevaulter, lettering for two years, before a knee injury ended his track career.

"I had my fourth operation on that knee, and the doctor said that if I wanted to be able to walk when I was 40, I had better quit."

He graduated with a BS in Physical Education and Recreation in 1973, and then, as he explains it, he started his education.

#### Profiles / Class Notes

"There are two educations. One is in school, and one is out of school. School taught me where the library was and how to learn, but I did most of my learning once I had left Northwestern," Lewis said.

Lewis moved to Biloxi, Mississippi where he worked in procurement for Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries. He worked for General Dynamics in Fort Worth as a senior buyer in international procurement on the F-16 fighter jet program. In 1980 he moved to Houston, Texas, to work for Brown & Root. He was with that company for six years, moving up through several positions in procurement, and finishing as manager of project procurement. While with Brown & Root, Lewis moved to Venezuela (where he lived for four years) to work on the construction of a \$1.1 billion liquid natural gas turnkey plant.

In 1986 he joined Metcalf & Eddy as a contracts manager and moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was a manager and assistant program director on a project rebuilding 87 sewage treatment plants.

In February of 1991, he was made vice president of A&WT and Research-Cottrell. He moved his family to Weston, Florida, in the Fort Lauderdale area, and is active in community affairs. He works with the Weston (FL) Chamber of Commerce, teaches Sunday School, plays softball every Friday night, plays tennis on weekends ("I'm a B class player"), and continues his weight training which began as a young athlete. At age 39 he can still bench press 315 pounds.

But his three daughters are his primary interest, Lewis explained. "A few years ago, an older friend told me to spend time with my kids. He said he had worked so hard that he hardly knew he had a daughter until she was 18 and was leaving the house. As he told me that, he started crying."

His daughters are Senneca (9), Ashton (6), and Kenyon (5). Lewis and his wife, Keli, serve as chauffeurs for the girls as they go to soccer games, gymnastics practice and church functions at the Faith Presbyterian Church.

"I like what I do. I like being able to come home and tell my children that Daddy helps clean up the enrironment," Lewis said.

"A lot of people who knew me when I was young wouldn't believe how I've settled down. Heck, we even have two Volvos."

Lewis gets together with a few NSU alumni every year for a reunion-duck hunt.

"I'd like to get back to Natchitoches so my kids could see the Christmas lights," he said.

He probably will, too.
"If I could do anything,
I'd own a sporting goods store
in Natchitoches and live on
Cane River. My wife wants to
retire to Natchitoches."

Given his accomplishments so far, there's no telling what he will end up doing. If he wants to sell sporting goods and live on Cane River, there's every likelihood that he will.

# Notice

Since the beginning of the "new Ahumni Columns" magazine we have been doing profiles on Alumni that have been successful in their field or have contributed to society in some way. These profiles have been well received and one of the sections most read in the magazine.

We are asking that you take part in the selection of these people to spotlight in your magazine. Please send us names of people that you feel have been productive citizens and represent what Northwestern stands for. There are many such graduates out there and we need your input in finding them. Please send us your name and where we can reach you should we have questions about the person you name to be spotlighted. We cannot guarantee when these may appear, but we need your help in finding distinguished Alumni.

Thank you for your help in this project.

Notice

The Demon football team enjoyed an impor tant conference victory over the McNeese Cowboys.

## Homecoming Photo Album



The dedicated NSU Demon Band delies the heat to support the Demons.



Homecoming queen Tammy Clary of Baker escorted by her father, Drew Clary















Gloria Ebarb Durr (51) of Nacogdoches, TX relives her days as a Purple Jacket with Mary Porth a junior in journalism from Morgan City, and Cindy Morrison, a junior Physics major from Minden

#### Outstanding Teacher Awards



Tony Smith and Dr. Helaine Ross

Northwestern State University professors Dr. Helaine Ross of the Department of Language and Communications and Tony Smith of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts have

been named recipients of the NSU Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Awards.

Ross and Smith were honored at the annual Alumni Luncheon. Each recipient will also receive a \$1,000 award.

Ross has been at NSU since 1987 as an assistant professor of English. She teaches Shakespeare, Milton, major British authors, major world authors, detective fiction and freshman composition.

A graduate of Kent State University, she went on to earn her master's and doctorate degrees at Boston University. Ross earned her doctorate in 1985 and received a Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Renaissance Non-Dramatic Literature at the University of Rochester in 1986-87.

She has been published widely on the subjects of poetry, composition, detective fiction and popular crime.

Smith, an associate professor of creative and performing arts, has been at NSU for 14 years.

He teaches both interdisciplinary courses and music courses. Smith teaches a fine arts survey class and a seminar on "Great Books" at the Louisiana Scholars' College.

An accomplished oboist, Smith has served as principal oboist with the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony and the Alexandria Symphony.

#### Alumni Reunions

#### Atlanta

The Greater Atlanta Northwestern State University Alumni Association was organized on July 13, 1991 in Atlanta, GA.

Approximately 65 enthusiastic Alumni gathered at The Suites Hotel at Underground Atlanta to talk about their Alma Mater, make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and discuss how they can help Northwestern in the Atlanta area.

They enjoyed refreshments, visited with Dr. Robert Alost, President; Marsha Zulick, Director of Admissions; and Elise James, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, and then attended an Atlanta Braves game as a group.

The group formed a Board of Directors for the Atlanta area. They are: Jo & Ralph DeKemper, Diane & Lamar Bates, Becky James, Nancy James, George Krumn, & Lynn Russell. We thank this group for making this committment to Northwestern.

Plans are to hold at least one major event in the Greater Atlanta area each year. The Board of Directors is exploring the possibility of holding smaller activities at other times.

Once again, thanks for your commitment as it will make us visible in an important area.



Allanta Alumni Reunion

A special presentation was made to retiring teacher Fern Christensen, for her many years of service to students and Northwestern.



Library Science alumni in attendance during reunion.

#### Library Science

The annual Library Science Alumni Reunion was held in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union on July 10, 1991. Many area Library Science Alumni were present.

Ms. Sherry Baumgardner, president of the group, presided at the meeting. She discussed their scholarship fund and it was voted by the group to continue this practice. A committee will meet with Elise James to set up criteria for this scholarship as there is no longer a program in Library Science at Northwestern.

#### Reno & El Paso

A large group of Alumni and Athletic Association members accompanied the football team to Reno, NV, and El Paso, TX, this fall. They attended Alumni parties held in both those areas and got to meet with Alumni from there. After the reunions the group attended the Demon games.

Thanks to all of you from Reno and El Paso that attended, and we had a good time visiting. Hope to see you again very soon.

# Three Distinguished Alumni Inducted into The Long Purple Line Hall of Distinction

Three distinguished former Northwestern State University students were inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction—called the Long Purple Line—during the university's 107th anniversary Homecoming celebration on Oct. 19.

This year's inductees were former state treasurer Mary Evelyn Parker, the late H. Lee Prather, who was president and coach, and educator Dr. Murphy P. Rogers.

Northwestern president Dr. Robert A. Alost said the Long Purple Line provides recognition and appreciation to former NSU students whose career accomplishments or service to their fellow man have enhanced the reputation of NSU.

"The university's objective," said Alost, "is to make selection for the Long Purple Line the most prominent honor bestowed by NSU upon its alumni."



Inductee Mary Evelyn Parker with Dr. Robert Alost



Award of Distinction recipient Dr Murphy Rogers with Di Robert Alost



Wallace Prather, along with his daughters Susan Vestal and Frudy Arnald, accepted the recognition and appreciation from Di. Robert Alost, for his father, H. Lee Prather

Parker was the only treasurer a generation of Louisianans knew, serving from 1968 until 1988.

Prior to that, she was the Louisiana Commissioner of Administration from 1964 to 1968 and Commissioner of Public Welfare from 1956 through 1964 and executive director of the Louisiana Department of Commerce and Industry from 1948 to 1957.

She was also chairman of the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1960, the chairman of the State Board of Welfare in 1952-53. Parker was also a personnel administrator in the War Department from 1943 to 1947, and worked as the editor of a weekly newspaper in 1947-48.

Parker, a native of Fullerton, LA, attended public schools in Oakdale and earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern in 1941. She received a diploma of social welfare from the graduate school of LSU in 1943.

She received an honorary doctorate from Northwestern in 1986.

Prather was literally a coach for all seasons while at Northwestern. He served as basketball coach for 37 years from 1913 until 1950 and was also football, baseball and track coach. He coached for 20 years without an assistant.

The assistant he hired was Harry "Rags" Turpin, who eventually took over the duties of football, baseball and track coach, letting Prather concentrate on basketball.

Prather had a record of 473-169 (.737) as basketball coach and won seven conference championships.

He was also dean of men and a professor of government at NSU prior to being named president in 1950.

According to "Northwestern State University of Louisiana 1884-1984: A History" by NSU professor of history Marietta M. LeBreton, Prather, as president, restored confidence to Northwestern and helped to heal a campus that had been torn by "years of political strife and student and/or faculty unrest."

Under Prather, NSU's ROTC program enrolled its first students and the nursing program continued to develop. He also obtained funds for the construction of two men's dormitories, a biological science building and additions and renovations to the library building.

Prather's tenure didn't include a number of new programs or new buildings. More importantly for the future of Northwestern, he provided an atmosphere where people could plan for the future. This led to the future growth Northwestern experienced under subsequent presidents.



Mary Evelyn Parker



H. Lee Prather



Dr. Murphy P. Rogers

Prather died in 1964. NSU's Prather Coliseum is named for him. He was elected to the Louisiana Sports Writers' Association Hall of Fame in 1965 and was a charter member of the Graduate 'N' Club Hall of Fame in 1968.

Rogers is recognized as one of the pioneers of modern education in Louisiana. He received a two-year degree from Northwestern in 1920 and became a principal. Rogers earned a bachelor's degree in 1924 from Columbia University by attending summer school and getting leaves of absence. He later earned a master's and doctorate degree from Columbia.

He was state supervisor of elementary schools from 1930 to 1935 and was later director of college curricula for the State Department of Education.

Rogers returned to Northwestern as dean in 1937 before moving to LSU in 1940 as director of LSU's teacher training program. During World War II, he served as an instructor and a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He retired as a teacher in 1946 and returned to his family farm in Grand Cane in DeSoto Parish. He received an honorary doctorate from NSU in 1988.

He lettered in football, basketball and baseball at NSU and was inducted into the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame in 1968 as a charter member along with Prather.

Rogers has remained involved with NSU. He has contributed over \$120,000 to Northwestern for the establishment of a DeSoto Housing Scholarship. This scholarship pays housing expenses for NSU students from DeSoto Parish. Ten NSU students currently receive this scholarship.

# Six Enshrined Into N Club Hall of Fame at Homecoming

Six key figures in Northwestern's athletic history were inducted Saturday, Oct. 19, into the Graduate 'N' Club Hall of Fame, the highest honor awarded by the university to its former sports stars.

Heading the list of inductees is Carl Maddox, a Natchitoches native and Northwestern graduate who is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame for his distinguished career as athletic director at LSU and Mississippi State.

Joining Maddox in the 1991 induction class are football greats Corwyn Aldredge and Lester Latino, track and field and cross country All-American Leo Gatson, and two-sport stars Sammy Booras and Wiley Cummings. Latino will be inducted posthumously.

Voting for enshrinement was done by members of the "N Club," Northwestern's athletic alumni association. The six inductions raised membership in the N Club Hall of Fame to 115.

Maddox, a football player for Louisiana Normal, served as athletic director at LSU from 1968 to 1979, presiding over extensive growth and success in Tiger athletics. During his tenure Tiger Stadium was expanded, the LSU Assembly Center was constructed and basketball coach Dale Brown was hired. LSU won the Southeastern Conference All-Sports Trophy for overall excellence to cap his career in 1979.

Five men's sports and five women's sports were added at the varsity level with Maddox in charge. Perhaps the greatest tribute to his administrative skills came upon his retirement from LSU at the age of 65. He was asked to become AD at Mississippi State, and guided a program of unprecedented physical expansion from 1979 to 1984. He then helped organize the U.S. Sports Festival in Baton Rouge and was inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

Maddox coached at high schools in Mississippi and Louisiana before joining the LSU football staff in 1954. He was a member of that staff, as backfield coach, when LSU won the 1958 national championship.



Carl Maddox



Corwyn Aldredge



Lester Latino



Lco Gaston

Aldredge was a 1964 NAIA
All-American as a tight end on the
Demon football team and played two
seasons (1965-66) in the National
Football League with the Cleveland
Browns before knee surgery ended his
career. A tremendous blocker, whose
pass catching ability was exceptional.
Aldredge was an All-Gulf States
Conference pick as a senior.

The St. Francisville native originally attended Louisiana College for a season, then went into military service before enrolling at Northwestern in 1962. In his first season, playing both tight end and defensive end, he helped the Demons win the GSC championship.

After ending his pro football career, Aldredge became a highly successful businessman in Natchitoches. One of his sons, Corwyn, Jr., played two years in the NFL for Tampa Bay. Another, Trevor, is a freshman defensive end for the 1991 Demons.

Latino is the namesake of the Lester Latino Memorial Award given each year to the Demon football player who exemplifies hard work, hustle, unselfish play, leadership and exceptional performance on and off the field. Latino lettered at linebacker from 1966-69. As a junior, he won the Most Tackles Award and was voted All-GSC and Permanent Team Captain. He swept the same three honors as a senior and added All-Louisiana recognition.

Latino was a thoroughbred horse farmer and trainer and ran marathons until his death in an automobile accident in 1981.

Gatson, an NAIA All-American in cross country in 1975, was an NCAA Division II All-American in 1976 under Coach Jerry Dyes, Gatson set school records in the 800, 1500 and as part of the sprint medley team — and the marks in the 800 (1:49.24, 1976) and the sprint medley (3:17.07, 1976) still stand.

He was NAIA District 30 champion as a senior in the 800 and 1500 and finished fourth in the NAIA nationals in the 1500. He was eo-champion in the NAIA District 30 cross country meet as a senior and finished seventh in the national championship meet.

He earned the team's High Point Award and Scholastic Award as a senior. He set the GSC record while winning the mile run as a junior.

Gatson graduated with honors after being included in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" and receiving the Industrial Education Club's "Outstanding Member Award" after serving as vice president. A resident of Odessa, Texas, Gatson is a production specialist for Conoco Oil Company.

Booras earned seven different letters and baseball all-conference honors while also playing basketball at Northwestern. Nicknamed "Mr. Perpetual Motion" for his fiery, hustling play on the basketball court from 1951-53, Booras was spotted by Coach Charles "Red" Thomas while playing intramurals after his first season of baseball.

As a senior basketballer, he helped the Demons go 22-10, including a 58-53 win at Texas A&M in which he led Northwestern with 12 points. As a sophomore, he led the team in free throw aim (79.5 percent, hitting 31 of 39). In 1954-55, he was the freshman basketball coach and scouted for the varsity.



Sammy Booras



Wiley Cummings

He twice earned All-GSC honors as an infielder, playing second base and shortstop from 1950-53 for Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown. Booras was a product of Shreveport's Byrd High School.

Cummings was a three-year letterman as the Demons won Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference basketball titles from 1939-41. He was co-captain of the 1940-41 basketball team and was the second-leading scorer that season.

He was also a three-time letterman in track and field. He was Louisiana Normal's top long jumper and ran the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes as the team won LIC titles in 1939-40. He served as N Club President as a senior and was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

As a coach, he made a sensational debut, winning the 1942 Louisiana prep basketball championship at Pleasant Hill High School. He finished with a 224-66 lifetime coaching mark in basketball and later became principal at three schools. As principal at Negreet High, he helped build a girls basketball program that won seven straight state titles from 1953-60.

Cummings retired as Sabine Parish Superintendent of Schools.

#### Bill Britt Support Fund Contributions Needed



Bill Britt, a senior offensive lineman on the Demon football team, suffered a broken back and was permanently paralyzed from the waist down in a hunting accident Saturday, Oct. 5, when he fell from a deer stand while bowhunting.

Britt faces six months of rehabilitation to adjust to his new lifestyle. The 22-year-old native of Magnolia, Ark., had started at guard for Northwestern for more than two years.

His wife, Kelli, is a third-grade teacher at Fairview-Alpha Elementary School. Bill was scheduled to graduate in May in wildlife management.

A wide range of fundraising activities are underway to help the Britt family. To contribute to the Bill Britt Support Fund, mail a check to Exchange Bank, P.O. Box 446, Natchitoches, LA 71458. To send Bill a card or note, write Bill Britt, c/o NSU Football Office, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

#### Men's Basketball Outlook

Experienced Demons should start challenging in Southland race.

Three All-Southland Conference players are back. So are six players who started at least 12 games last season - not including a guard destined to become the top assist man in school history.

This season could be the start of something special for Northwestern's men's basketball team and fourth-year coach Dan Bell.

The Demons endured a 6-22 season last year, playing almost exclusively with freshmen and sophomores after senior guard Roman Banks suffered a season-ending hamstring injury. Despite losing Banks, however, Northwestern was anything but a sacrificial lamb. Twelve of the Demons' games were decided in the final minute of play or in overtime.

Turnovers, almost 22 per game, were much of the reason Northwestern didn't win more often. With Banks back this season, and some immediate help from the 1990-91 recruiting class on hand, last year's turnover troubles should be soon forgotten.

Banks was a 1990 Preseason All-SLC pick. At the end of the year, Northwestern was the only school to put two sophomores, guard Jay Scherer and forward Dexter Grimsley, on the All-SLC squad.

Scherer, also an Academic All-District V1 performer, set a school record with 82 3-pointers and led the squad with a 17.0 scoring average. The 6-3 sharpshooter sank a school-record 29 straight free throws.

#### Lady Demons Basketball

Nine veterans, busy home schedule have Lady Demons optimistic

Even though the Northwestern women's basketball team went 16-11 last year and recorded its 12th straight winning season, Coach James Smith and his Lady Demons were glad to see 1990-91 in the rearview mirror.

And they're even happier to set their sights on what could be a banner 1991-92 campaign.

Nine letterwinners return to a chib that appears able to restore the Lady Demons to their accustomed spot near the top of the NCAA scoring charts. Last year's team was the lowest-scoring Northwestern squad (74.4 ppg) in 11 seasons, but Smith is eager to unleash a troop of quick guards and fleet forwards on the patented Lady Demon fast break.

More cause for optimism can be found in the schedule, which includes 14 home dates, the most for the Lady Demons since 1986-87. But that slate also worries Smith because with the addition of new Southland Conference members Nicholls State and Texas-San Antonio, there are 18 league games.

Northwestern doesn't return a double-digit scorer from last year, with All-SLC picks Leola Shaw (forward) and Iris Dixon (guard) lost to graduation. That's not to say none of the returning Lady Demons can score, however; seven of them scored at least 16 points in at least one game last scason.

Topping the list of veterans back are senior 6-1 forward Becca Hayes, who started all 22 games and was third

(Men's Basketball - Con't.)

Grimsley, the 1990 SLC Newcomer of the Year, scored 15.9 points and snared a team-best 7.7 rebounds per game. Grimsley, just 6-6, also notched 40 blocked shots as the 1990-91 Demons set a single-season rejection record (121, 4.3 per game).

That record may fall again this season, but the primary target for Bell's Demons is a turnaround in the win-loss category — and that appears quite possible. The older, wiser Demons will play 14 games in Prather Coliseum, the most home dates for a Demon squad in Bell's four years and the most since 1982-83.



(Lady Demon Basketball - Con't.) on the team in scoring (8.4); senior 5-8 guard Darla Washer, fourth on the team with a 7.8 average while starting 11 games; and senior point guard Rachel Penny, who started 23 games.

Sophomore Kellye Thibodeaux split time with Penny at the point and developed rapidly during her rookie season.

Forwards Mona Pearrie (5-11, Senior) and Anika Moore (6-0, Junior) appear to be keys to Northwestern's front court, along with Hayes. Pearrie is strong rebounder and defender while Moore's quickness and scoring ability could be great assets.

Among the newcomers, the impact player is junior college transfer Kim Hill, a starter on the 1990 Kilgore (Texas) national championship team. Hill averaged 19 points per game last year.

#### Alumni Information Update Northwestern State University of Louisiana

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